Finalisation of draft agrarian policy

*125. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the draft agrarian policy;

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be finalised; and

(c) whether Government propose to consult the peasants organisations and Agricultural workers' organisations before finalising the policy ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The modified draft Agricultural Policy Resolution prepared by the Government has been placed in Parliament on 14th May, 1993.

(c) Farmers representatives and concerned organisations/experts have already been consulted in the preparation of the draft Resolution.

Coaching institutions for minorities

*126. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to establish different education coaching institutions for minorities on the pattern of coaching institute for SC/ST and Backward classes candidates; and

(b) if so, what are the details in the regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Government of India, Ministry of Welfare has sanctioned a scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on economic criteria as a Plan Scheme with Budget Provision of Rs. 10 crore for VIII Plan. The scheme is to be implemented through national and state level professional coaching institutions of repute possession competence in the field. The objective of the scheme is to coach/train candidates belonging to weaker sections to enable them to compete on equal terms in various competitive/ entrance examinations. The term 'Weaker Section' includes minorities and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes.

Adverse trend in capital formation in Agriculture

*128. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been adverse trends in capital formation in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decline has been quite noticeable with the gross agricultural investment at constant prices in 1980-81 dipping to Rs. 4357 crore in 1990-91 from Rs. 4,636 crore a decade earlier;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to contain or reverse this trend ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (e) Latest available estimates of gross capital

formation in agriculture for the years 1980-81 to 1991-92, are given below:—

Statement

(Rs. crore)

Year	at current prices	at 1980-81 prices
1980-81	4636	4636
1981-82	5104	4499
1982-83	5715	4575
1983-84	5615	4097
1984-85	6475	4551
1985-86	7037	4322
1986-87	7079	4014
1987-88	8446	4418
1988-89	9120	4349
1989-90	10074	4348
1990-91	11685	4642
1991-92 (Quick estimate)	13143	4580

The thrust in public sector investments in agriculture during recent years has been on optimising investment already made.

The strategy to increase capital formation in agriculture includes increased plan outlays and increasing the proportion of planned investment for development of infrastructure, more efficient use of resources to raise productivity and ensuring remunerative prices to farmers to induce them to go for higher investments in agriculture.

National Library in Cacutta

*129. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Library in Calcutta is plagued with daily agitations and gheraos causing much inconvenience to the users of the library;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the employees; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to put an end to the agitation and meet the employees' demands ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are frequent agitations by a section of employees, but they are not allowed to cause much inconvenience to users.

(b) The demands of these employees are mainly confined to administrative problems such as promotion, recruitment, allowances, allotment of quarters, representation in the Office Council, etc.

(c) The reasonable demands are being met within the framework of rules and regulations. The administration is regularly meeting the agitating employees, persuading them to give up agitation. Where there is violation of Conduct Rules, appropriate disciplinary action has also been taken.

Modernisation of K.C. Canal Project in Andhra Pradesh

*132. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for modernisation of K.C. Canal project received